

College life offers you many choices. You have to choose a major, and then determine which courses and professors will get you where you want to go. You must choose when to study, how to relax and how to budget your time. The choices you make determine your lifestyle. You may or may not choose to include alcohol in your lifestyle. It's your choice. But remember, you and only you can and should choose when, what and how much to drink.

Young people drink for many different reasons: (1) **peer pressure** - wanting to "belong in the crowd"; (2) **tension-reduction** - before, during and/or after exams; (3) **family problems** - perhaps alcoholism within the family; (4) **"instant" fun** - to loosen up on a Friday night.

From the point of view of a fellow student, I can easily say that drinking can be fun and a social thing within limits. But, when done in constant, abusive way, it can be a very destructive drug. Over 8,000 young people die and over 40,000 are disfigured every year from auto accidents related to drunkenness. Yet, there are even more numerous hidden problems in relation to alcohol use (or better, abuse) in our college society.

As president of SADD here at the University of Lowell, I always have a great deal to say about the problem of drinking and driving, for it is a frequently discussed topic which most students are willing to admit is a problem. General alcohol awareness, on the other hand, is a very controversial issue among college students - in fact, it's practically a taboo topic.

Perhaps the last of these, "instant fun", is the most pertinent among college students. Although it seems the least harmful of the four, it can often be just as dangerous. Do you need to drink to have a good time, to be able to talk to people? Do you become violent, abusive, or destructive to yourself and/or others while drinking? If either of these describes you, then you should carefully think over your motives for alcohol consumption. If we are going to be the adults and leaders of tomorrow and guide our children in the right direction, we have to take responsibility for our actions now and lead ourselves into mature and productive paths.

We begin this cycle by going to college and developing skills for a future career. But the cycle doesn't end with a diploma. We need also to be aware of the many problems around us in our society, one of those being alcohol abuse. Simply by being aware and making a sincere effort to: (1) evaluate your own and your loved ones drinking habits; (2) when giving or going to a party, act responsibly about driving after drinking; and (3) care enough to know that alcohol is a problem, is a beginning to its end.

SADD is an organization that although, based primarily on drunk driving, is also concerned about all aspects of alcohol within an educational community. Please join us to bring about a change and save lives in the future. If you are interested or want to discuss the goals of our group or the issues surrounding alcohol, contact: Lori DeMartin Box: 5095S.

## The Guard and You

Today's Massachusetts National Guard has its roots in colonial America. The minutemen were America's first citizen soldiers - volunteers working together under arms to establish a nation based on freedom and equality for all. That nation is well established now, all of us benefit from the many advantages of our unique system. Many of us take that system for granted, we forget our obligation to defend our nation and serve our community as both have served us so well. This task faces all Americans - no one can be exempt from the cost of freedom, for then equality for all is destroyed. Each of us must assess what we can do in return for that which we have come to take for granted.

Serving part-time in the National Guard is an excellent way to fulfill this obligation because Guardmembers take advantage of many educational benefits. As a student of ULowell, the Guard will pay your tuition bill for you as long as you are a member in good standing. Under a normal enlistment, the Veterans Administration will pay you \$140.00 per month while you're in school (The Guard wants you to worry about grades not money). Other non-educational benefits include free air travel on military flights and PX privileges.

I know there are many Guardmembers in our classes now who are taking advantage of these and many other advantages of Today's Guard. I'm one of them - contact me for more information or talk to our career counselors outside the North S.I.C. on November 3rd and 4th.

Tim Duggan, Box 1520



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In the hopes that everyone cooperates with our efforts, we will all have a happy and a safe Halloween. Again, tickets are \$12 and are available until Friday, October 24th.

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# Opinion/Editorial

## Reap What You Sow

For those of you who signed CAUSA USA's petition, you may wish to reconsider. Things are not always what they seem. The very nature of the petition is way out in right field. Stopping the spread of atheistic communism and putting the morality back in religion are radical principles many Americans seem too ready to support. The message must be read into further.

CAUSA USA is one of two political arms of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church. The Moonies have adopted right wing politics to avoid unwanted government attention. The real goals behind their politics are fanatical. They wish to stem the tide of communism, yet they live communally. They want to put morality back into religion by converting the world's religions to the Unification Church. The reality behind CAUSA USA's interests can best be read into by this quote from Rev. Moon, "Part of our strategy must be to make friends in the FBI, CIA, and the police forces, the military, and business community...as a means of entering the political arena, influencing foreign policy, and ultimately of establishing absolute DOMINION over the American people." CAUSA is Moon's political vehicle to "unifying the world under a theocracy headquartered in Korea." Hail the next world dictator. Let's get CAUSA off campus now.

Robert Hegarty

## To the Editor:

After the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973 which cleared the way for safe, legal abortions, many people assumed that abortion would become a dead or moot issue. Thirteen years later, it is obvious that this has most definitely not been the case. Abortion is quite a unique issue, in that there seems to be very little middle ground - workers on both "sides" of the issue are tremendously committed to their own positions. Is it possible, then, that in our commitment to our own positions, that we lose sight of our journey towards the real truth of the issue? In the intense heat of discussion, are the two sides so busy maligning each other that they are actually pushing away a real solution to a very big societal problem - that of unwanted pregnancy?

In hopes that more discussion and thought will bring us closer to a better understanding, Campus Ambassadors, on Tuesday, November 4th in Fox 501 is hosting a guest speaker on the subject of abortion. Mr. Everett Kimball will speak and present some videos on the subject of abortion. Mr. Kimball will be speaking from a pro-life point of view; but anyone from either "side" who are truly concerned about the true right and wrong of this issue and its effect on our society are invited and welcomed to join our discussion (debate?). Again, Campus Ambassadors meets Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 PM in Fox 501. We hope to see you there.

David Morais

## To the Editor:

Congratulations to the ULowell Connector! Once again you have seen fit to abandon the principles of objective journalism by including an editorial under the heading of a "news" story. The article, "Teen Pregnancy: Why is it a Problem?" which appeared in the October 16 edition of the paper, includes a couple of facts and a tone of personal opinions.

The "news article" is poorly written because it lacks unity and coherence, and contains biased language. However, it is the writer's inane logic that must be challenged, and prompts me to write in response.

To begin with, the author (whose name was not given) states that the teen birth rate has not increased, but only seems more severe because teen parenthood has more "dire costs" in modern society. The writer also states that while teen birth rates have not changed proportionally, half of modern teen pregnancies end in abortion. He failed to realize that this means teen pregnancies have skyrocketed by fifty percent! Only the birth rate has remained constant.

Also, the writer suggests that "rising sexual activity (among teenagers) fuels the problem." Fuels the problem?! If the writer had passed freshman biology he would know that sexual activity is the exact cause of pregnancy proof -- even among teens.

Next, the author states that teens (mostly boys) need more "pregnancy prevention" information. This is untrue because no one would deny that young people have more knowledge of, and more access to birth control today, than ever before in our society. Many experts believe that this, in fact, leads to greater sexual activity among teens, which in turn gives rise to more contraceptive failure, and an increase in the teen pregnancy rate.

The final two paragraphs of the article have little or nothing to do with why teen pregnancy is a problem. Instead of answering some of the questions he raised in the article, the author used this as an opportunity to plug his own opinions on abortion rights. The writer states that we must respect each other's "values, ideas" (sic), and not "impose our views on others." Of course this is the same warped logic that slave owners of the nineteenth century employed, and that the members of South Africa's Apartheid government use today (the writer stands in good company). If this reasoning were valid, we would have no laws in our country at all, for fear of imposing our "values" and "moral judgements" on others.

Finally, the writer of the "news article" offered no answers to the questions that he raised, except to suggest that we need to "help youth become more self sufficient." However, if the little information provided in the article pointed to anything at all, it is that we need to teach our youth that birth control does sometimes fail, and that they should refrain from being sexually active until they are responsible enough to bear the consequences of a sexually active lifestyle.

Ken Sullivan



## Questioning the Status Quo

I recently saw an ad on T.V. showing a thoughtful-looking man squirming in his armchair as he told the viewer what an uncomfortable topic abortion is.

Why is this so? Why is every woman's legal right something so many of us feel uneasy about? If the one million fetuses aborted each year aren't even human, why is the actual sight of a dismembered fetus so distressing to us?

Pro-choice people support the legitimacy of abortion with points about the financial quality of life of the mother and the child's slim prospects for a happy future. No mention of whether or not human fetuses are human. To me, this sounds like pre-Civil War slaveholders supporting slavery on the grounds that if slavery were abolished, it would ruin their economy, or making similar arguments which distract people from more fundamental questions.

We all own our own bodies. But we do not have the right to use our bodies to end the lives of others. Some tell us that a fetus' dependence upon its mother for life keeps it from qualifying as a human. Using this logic, people who depend on kidney machines or iron lungs for their lives aren't human, either. It's a stupid argument.

I've heard Pro-Choice advocates link abortion to personal freedom. They confuse freedom to run your own life with freedom to judge the value of and end the lives of others. Smoking cigarettes or driving without a seatbelt is quite different from surgically destroying a human fetus.

Some feel that a human fetus is only a potential life. If you are of this opinion, consider this fictional scenario: The GenetiScience Corporation has found a way to genetically alter fetuses purchased from the mother (if it's legally her property to destroy, it's hers to sell) so that they develop into retarded worker drones, copyrighted by GenetiScience.

If this altering of a fetus' future life for a company's use is immoral, what can we say about our own actions, having fetuses "altered" so that their futures change from life to death, all for our own convenience?

Most people simply don't spend enough time thinking about the morality of abortion. Too many believe that what is legal is necessarily morally acceptable.

Of course abortion is a sensitive issue. Of course the decision to have an abortion is a difficult one. It's difficult because if we would stop our selfish rationalizations, we might just realize that abortion is wrong.

If Question One on the ballot passes, the legislature will have the power to vote on measures ending taxpayer funding for elective abortions. Opponents of the measure say that this will bring us closer to the day when abortion is ended. I sincerely hope so.

Please consider voting "yes" on Question One.

Daniel L. Evans

## Retreat Day Saturday November 8TH

The Catholic Center is sponsoring a Retreat Day on Saturday November 8th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Read Hall on the West Campus. The purpose of the day is to provide men and women with an opportunity to put aside the stresses and strains of school and work in order to focus on God, prayer and issues that need more than a few minutes to figure out. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic liturgy for Sunday.

Transportation will be provided from the Catholic Center to West Campus between 9:30 am and 10:00 am. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost. Interested? Please let us know at the Catholic Center so that proper arrangement can be made both for food and transportation. (454-0151)

## U-Lowell Army R.O.T.C. mobilizes

The warning order has been issued. For the next twenty four hours, our own U-Lowell Army cadets will be mobilizing for some of the best training that the United States Army can provide. The cadets will join forces with the rest of the Bay State Battalion. Some of the schools that comprise the Bay State Battalion are: Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Fitchburg State College, Keene State College and Franklin Pierce College, just to name a few.

Rumor has it that hostile enemy forces are closing in on the perimeter of Fort Devens. Our mission will be to reconnoiter (recon) designated areas by using various methods of land navigation and report all enemy activity. All cadets have been thoroughly trained to identify terrain features, as well as, navigate over, through and around obstacles to successfully accomplish any mission.

The rally point for this operation will be Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts. Air-mobile operations will commence immediately upon arrival. This point of no return is known as the line of departure (LD). Our cadets will climb on board a UH-1H helicopter for an exciting weekend of grueling challenges at Fort Devens.

The warning order stated the uniform requirements. Basically, the order stated to dress warm, and bring extra socks and underwear. I wonder what is in store for us due to the extra underwear requirement? I am ready for the challenge and I am positive that my comrades are as well.

Cadet Lieutenant Wood stated last week that, "today's army is about people-people who want more out of life than a nine to five job and the limited opportunities associated with such." While I am searching the woods this weekend for elements from a communist regime, I will have plenty of time to think about the direction that my life is going. My goals have been set and are definitely attainable. I know that I will be all that I can be, and believe me this includes not having a nine to five job.

If anyone has the same ambition, motive and self-discipline to become an officer in the United States Army, I extend to you an open invitation to join our very special family. Learn what it takes to be a leader. Maybe someday you will be leading people in pursuit of threatening communist forces just like what I am doing now. Wish us all luck!

Bill Gruber  
SFC, R.O.T.C.  
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## ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

- Guess at what normal is.
- Find it difficult to follow a project through from beginning to end.
- Lie when it is just as easy to tell the truth.
- Judge themselves without mercy.
- Have difficulty having fun.
- Take themselves seriously.
- Have difficulty with intimate relationships.
- Over-react to changes over which they have no control.
- Constantly seek approval and affirmation.
- Feel that they are different from other people.
- Are either super-responsible or irresponsible.
- Extremely loyal, even in the face of evidence that loyalty is undeserved.
- Are impulsive.

### ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

By Janet G. Woititz, Ed. D.

If some of these characteristics seem familiar to you; come and join us Thursday from 12-1 p.m. in Room 334, S.U.B. Bring a lunch. For more information please call, Reverend Elizabeth Kaeton 452-5000 ext. 2362, or Pat Davison 454-0151.

## Thank You! are words we never hear

The Connector is put out weekly by a small band of dedicated students and two office secretaries. We try our best to come out each week with something we can respectfully call a newspaper. But what is a newspaper? Webster defines it this way:

**newspaper:** A typical daily or weekly publication containing news and opinions of current events, feature articles, and usually advertising.

We're a newspaper; not a personals page. We're a newspaper; not a club calendar. We're a newspaper; not a notice bulletin board.

But even though we call the Connector a newspaper, we do put in personals, club events, and notices. We do this as a SERVICE to the University community. UMass/Amherst's *The Collegian* charges \$1.00 for personals, Quinsigamond Community College's *The Open Door* does not announce club events, and Dartmouth's *The Dartmouth Review* banishes notices, personals, and club events from its pages.

Yet the only time we hear from you personal-readers, club members, or notice-senders is when you have a complaint. "My personal didn't get in." you say, "How come our Hallowe'en ad is so small?!" and, "I thought I specified that that notice was to be on page 1." I ask you, **is this fair to us?**

The most recent fracas occurred over the insertion of the Barcardi Hot Shots poster during Alcohol Awareness Week. (Mimicking) It was in poor taste being in the paper; after all, we've been planning this for over a month! Surprise, surprise. I've been making plans to increase the advertising revenue for over six months. Asking our main advertisers to send more inserts was one way of achieving this goal. However, even if I had the advance notice, I still would have requested that the inserts go in - alcohol awareness does not mean burying your head in the sand.

If you want to help us, by all means come to our meeting Mondays at 6:30 p.m. If you can't help us on a regular basis, at least submit copy that is typed. All handwritten copy should be stored in the cylindrical file by rights of our publication policy. Please think before you speak. Ask yourself if it's really necessary that you complain. What will your complaint accomplish?

Thank you Connector, for letting me sound-off. Mark DeAngelis

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### CAMPUS MINISTERS

### NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

6:00 P.M. at the Catholic Center Center

7:30 P.M. at Concordia Hall (Downstairs)

9:00 P.M. at Fox 301

### WEEK DAY PRAYER

Morning Prayer - Monday through Thursday

8:00 A.M. at the Center

Wednesdays Mass at 11:30 A.M.

(Bring your lunch and enjoy a few moments together afterwards.)

Thursday Mass at 4:30 P.M.

## ARCHDIOCESE

### Conducting Survey

Have you ever thought of writing Cardinal Law a letter and telling him what you think about one thing or another? Or have you ever thought to yourself that the Catholic Church ought to be going more of something and less of another? Or have you ever wanted to express your opinion, as a member of the Church, about the ordination of women, clerical celibacy, the way mass is celebrated on Sunday, finances or anything else?

Well, now is the time to do it. The Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Boston recently initiated a Synod - a two year process of reflection on the mission of the Church in our day. As part of the reflection process, Cardinal Law has asked that as many people as possible be asked their opinion about major issues facing the Church and world. This consultation is taking place through the use of a questionnaire that is being given wide distribution throughout the archdiocese.

Are you interested in filling one out (anonymously, of course)? If so, a copy of the questionnaire may be obtained at the Catholic Center or at the mailrooms on North and South. They can be returned directly to the enclosed address, left at the mailrooms or dropped off at the Catholic Center.

This invitation is extended to Catholic and non-Catholic alike, to church goers and occasional church goers, to people who are happy and to people who are angry. If you have the time, please share your opinions and help reshape and renew the mission of the Church in our day.

For more information, please call or drop by the Catholic Student Center which is located on the corner of VFW Highway and Mt. Hope Street. 454-0151, Pat Davison and Father Paul: Campus Ministers.

## Weekly Bible Study

Each Monday at 11:30 am at the Catholic Center, Students come together to reflect on scripture and to discuss its meaning for contemporary living. If you are interested in learning more about the bible and its potential impact on your life, please join us next Monday. The Catholic Center is located three blocks down from the University Ave. Bridge, along the river, heading toward the South Campus. For more information, please call 454-0151.

### How to detect a drinking problem

Here are some basic warning signals that indicate a person may have a drinking problem.

1. A person who frequently drinks to a state of intoxication.
2. A person who relies on a drink to start the day.
3. A person who consistently skips classes due to hangovers.
4. A person who has blackouts and loss of memory from drinking.
5. A person who frequently drinks alone to escape from reality, boredom and loneliness.
6. A person who sustains bodily injury as a consequence of drinking.
7. A person who excessively denies he has an alcohol problem when approached about his behavior concerning alcohol.
8. A person who suffers from chronic hangovers and wants to drink to relieve the hangover.
9. A person who under the influence of alcohol does something he/she would not do otherwise.

If someone close to you seems to have an alcohol problem, don't be afraid to talk to him/her. Show concern and support without preaching or criticizing. Have a positive attitude and be sincere about your feelings.

Be prepared to offer alternatives and specific advice as to what kinds of professional help are available because the problem drinker is usually the last to know he has a problem.

### Alcohol is involved in:

- Suicide
  - 64% of attempts
  - 10,000 deaths
- Drownings
  - 69% of victims
- Rape
  - 50% of perpetrators
- Murder
  - 86% of offenders
  - 40-60% of victims
- Assaults
  - 72% of offenders
  - 79% of victims
- Fire
  - Up to 83% of fire and burn victims
- Job Accidents
  - 18,000 deaths
  - 10 million injuries
- Robberies
  - 72% of offenders
- Highway Accidents
  - 23,000 deaths
- Domestic Violence
  - Violent spouse: 52%
  - Abusive parents: 38%

SOURCE: 3rd & 4th Reports to the U.S. Congress on Alcohol & Health; U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Service; National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

## Tewksbury State Hospital

University of Lowell Students are you interested in volunteering two hours a week from 4:15 pm to 6 pm? The Tewksbury's State Hospital Project could use your assistance!

A tradition has developed over the years at the Catholic Center. Students have been volunteering their time to serve the community at Tewksbury State. The purpose of the Tewksbury State Hospital project is to assist the 3-11 pm staff during the supper hour to feed patients. The benefits received from this program are: caring relationships, conscious awareness of the handicapped, assisting 3-11 personnel to give quality time to patients during the supper meal, and learning feeding skills and techniques.

For more information call either Paul Muller or Pat Davison at the Catholic Center. (454-0151)

**"As I grow to understand life less and less, I learn to live it more and more."**

**Jules Renard**

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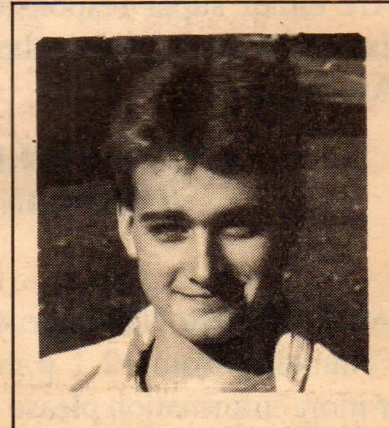
**Paul Muller** EE 87  
It's their preference and not mine. I don't have an opinion about them.



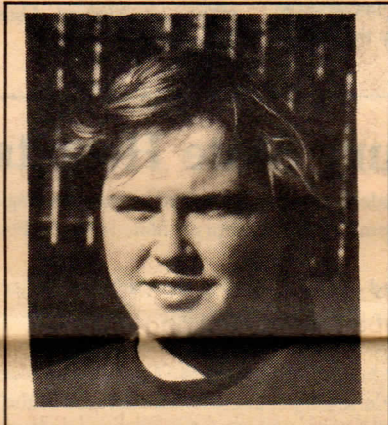
**Shawn Whalen** PL 90  
I don't know how I'd react. I wouldn't disown him as a friend, but...



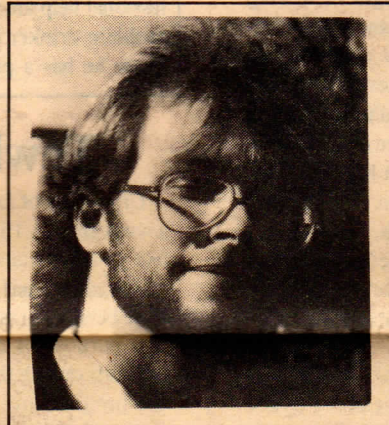
**Jim Young** NE 87  
A surprise, but I don't think it would kill me.



**Chris Owens** ME 90  
I wouldn't be friends with him and I'd definitely think about having a medical check-up. You could catch something by drinking out of the same can.



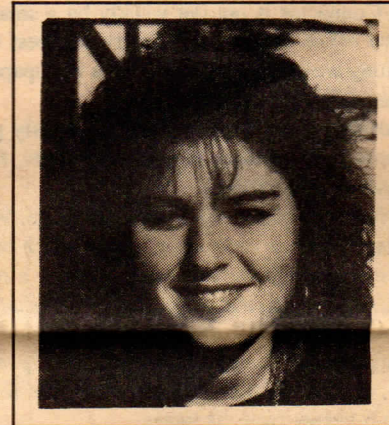
**Michelle Phelan** UH 90  
I wouldn't care!



**John Ludgate** CH 89  
I would be surprised. It would probably make me nervous at first.



**Michael** MG 88  
Very angry. I have negative attitudes because of its exposure to children. We shouldn't accept it. It's very unnatural.



**Laina Conti** MG 90  
The same as always. It shouldn't make a difference.



**Bob Carver** PL 87ish  
Probably shocked and in some ways disbelief. Some people say they can still have their lifestyle, but some people would put distance between them.



**Sue Orton** HE 88  
I'd be supportive but I'd be surprised at first.



**Pam Sweeney** BS 90  
I'd feel confused. I wouldn't know how to handle it but I wouldn't hold it against her.



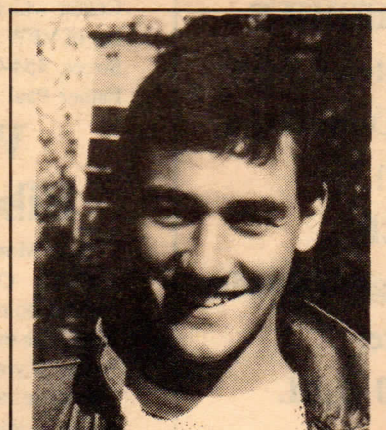
**Mario Campisano** MK 90  
I'd be afraid to go near him. I'd be asking why.



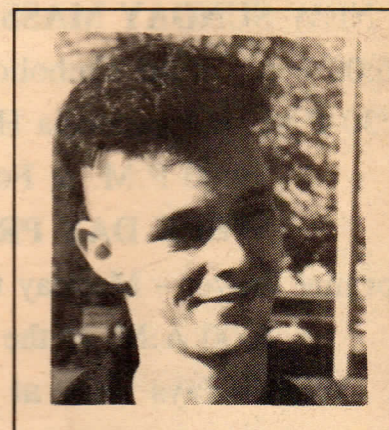
**Craig Pisani** AC 90  
I'd be shocked. I'd probably still be friends but I'd be more careful how I acted around him.



**Laurie Simondis** BS 90  
I'd feel a little different but I wouldn't let it affect our friendship. We couldn't go out picking up guys anymore.



**Don Turner** CE 90  
If he was my best friend, I wouldn't really care. It wouldn't affect our friendship



**Chuck Derosier** EE 91  
I usually don't mind. One time I was shocked when my neighbor who seemed to be the farthest from being gay but was.